

## Message Text

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O P 201520Z APR 78  
FM USINT HAVANA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1671  
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY  
USINT BAGHDAD PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 1015

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV PINS MILI ET SO SY IZ CU  
SUBJ: RUMORED VISIT BY EPLF DELEGATION

1. ITALIAN EMBASSY INFORMED USINT APRIL 19 THAT  
ACCORDING TO AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY  
IN DAMASCUS, A DELEGATION FROM THE ERITREAN PEOPLES'  
LIBERATION FRONT (EPLF) WILL BE VISITING HAVANA WITHIN  
THE NEXT FEW DAYS. NEITHER ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE NOR WE  
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT. ANY LIGHT WHICH  
DEPARTMENT OR ADDRESSEE POSTS CAN SHED ON THIS REPORT  
WILL BE APPRECIATED.

2. EPLF DELEGATION VISIT AT THIS TIME WOULD BE ESPECIALLY  
SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF ANNOUNCEMENT HERE YESTERDAY THAT  
ETHIOPIAN PRESIDENT MENGISTU WILL MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO  
CUBA IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. IN ADDITION, GOERGE HABBASH,  
LEADER OF POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF PALESTINE  
(PFLP) IS ALSO IN CUBA AT THIS TIME (HAVANA 1000  
NOTAL). THE CONJUNCTION OF THESE VISITS WOULD  
CLEARLY IMPLY IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE NEXT  
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TACTICAL AND PERHAPS MILITARY STEPS IN ERITREA AND MAY  
HAVE RELEVANCE FOR OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN AND  
MIDDLE EAST AS WELL.  
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